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JEFFERSON COUNTY ALLIANCE OF SERVICES COUNCIL RECEIVES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT

WICHITA, Kan. -- United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, has awarded a \$78,825 grant to the Jefferson County Alliance of Services Council Coalition as part of \$54.1 million awarded to community coalitions across the country to aid in their efforts to limit drug use and promote drug-free communities.**

Community coalitions that involve youth, parents, business and media representatives, school officials, law enforcement, civic, volunteer, and fraternal groups, healthcare professionals and religious organizations were eligible to apply for funding to work towards making their communities drug-free. These grants are matched dollar-for-dollar by the recipient communities, the awards are for use over the next year, and grantees may apply for continuation awards.

The Jefferson County Alliance of Services Council Coalition serves Jefferson County, Kansas, a rural area with a population of approximately 18,426. The Council plans to use this grant to reduce youth substance abuse and strengthen community anti-drug coalitions in Jefferson County. The Council plans to hire a parent educator; provide drug-prevention parenting training; and work with the business community to obtain volunteer support.

For additional details about the program, please contact Jen Jordan at (785) 830-8238 or Todd Moore at (785) 234-5524.